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FUNDS FOR FOODGRAINS PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to earmark more funds in the ensuing budget to increase the production of Foodgrains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any incentive is being proposed for farmers in the Eleventh Five Year Plan in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any new schemes are being proposed for agriculture sector to achieve the desired increase in the production; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing the programmes aimed at increasing production of foodgrains. In the Union Budget 2007-08, the outlay for the Department`s Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Macro Management of Agriculture has been increased from Rs.910 crores (BE) 2006-07 to Rs.1100 crores (BE) 2007-08. This scheme includes components like Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in Rice Based Cropping System Areas, Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in Wheat Based Cropping System Areas and Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Areas. Outlay for the Centrally Sponsored Scheme called Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize has been increased from Rs.270 crores (BE) 2006-07 to Rs.300 crores (BE) 2007-08.

(c) to (f): Investment details for the Eleventh Five-Year Plan (2007-12) are not yet firmed up.